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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2015-0142]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough, Everett and Marysville, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the SR 529 Bridges across the Snohomish River, mile 3.6 near Everett, WA, and the SR 529 Bridges across Steamboat Slough, mile 1.1, near Marysville, WA. The deviation is necessary to accommodate the Everett Marathon. The deviation allows the bridges to remain in the closed-to-navigation position during the marathon to allow safe movement of event participants.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on April 12, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG-2015-0142] is available at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the docket

number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or e-mail Mr. Steven Fischer, Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District; telephone 206-220-7282, e-mail d13-pf-d13bridges@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has requested that the SR 529 Bridges, north bound and south bound, across the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough remain closed to vessel traffic to facilitate safe, uninterrupted roadway passage of participants of the Everett Marathon. The SR 529 Bridges over the Snohomish River at mile 3.6 provides 37 feet of vertical clearance above mean high water elevation while in the closed position. Under normal conditions these bridges operate in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1059(c), which

requires advance notification of one-hour when a bridge opening is needed.

The SR 529 Bridges over Steamboat Slough at mile 1.1 provide 10 feet of vertical clearance above mean high water elevation while in the closed position. Under normal conditions these bridges operate in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1059(g), which requires advance notification of four hours when a bridge opening is needed.

The deviation allows the SR 529 Bridges crossing the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough to remain in the closed-to navigation position, and need not open for maritime traffic, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on April 12, 2015. The bridges shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR 117.1059 at all other times.

Vessels able to pass through the bridges in the closedto-navigation position may do so at anytime. The bridges
will be required to open, if needed, for vessels engaged in
emergency response operations during this closure period.
Waterway usage on this part of the Snohomish River and
Steamboat Slough includes vessels ranging from commercial
tug and barge to small pleasure craft. Mariners will be
notified and kept informed of the bridges' operational
status via the Coast Guard Notice to Mariners publication
and Broadcast Notice to Mariners as appropriate.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridges must return to their regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: March 3, 2015.

Steven M. Fischer, Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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